

What Should I Have at Home to Encourage Reading and Writing?

- ***books, books, books!
Use the school or public library, school book clubs, give books for presents
- ***magazines, comic books, posters with written expressions, catalogs, anything with print
- ***colored markers, mechanical pencils, crayons, pens
(It's a lot more fun to write with Jelly pens, fragrant markers, glow-in-the-dark pencils, "invisible ink," etc.)
- ***all kinds of notebooks: loose-leaf, spiral, pocket sized
- ***post-it notes, pretty writing paper, poster board
- ***diary or daily planner
- ***Magnadoodle (great for practicing letters and words)
- ***Magic slates (handy for car trips, waiting in doctor office, etc.)
- ***chalk board or white board for writing phone messages, jokes, notes, spelling words, etc.
- ***magnetic letters to use on refrigerator, cookie sheet
- ***games: Scrabble, Boggle, letter or sight word Bingo. Many games require some reading, such as Trivial Pursuit, Jr. Word games such as Mad Libs, crossword puzzles, etc.